

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the air bag,

said first and second tear lines having a combined length less than the length of said tear seam in said cover wall.

18. An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion